

Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, MISSOURI

Henry C. Frick has denied that he was a candidate for United States senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. S. Quay.

The Worcester (Mass.) Spy, one of the oldest newspapers in the country, has suspended publication on account of financial troubles. The Spy was founded in 1770, the first issue appearing in Boston.

Patrick J. King, alleged head of the policy ring in Chicago, has been indicted for violation of the lottery laws. Indictments were voted also against a dozen other alleged prominent gamblers.

Miss Helen Gould is to receive as a gift all the exhibits of the social economy section of the Belgium pavilion at the World's fair. They will find a place in Miss Gould's social economy museum in New York.

Rev. Joseph N. Guillard, once the foremost oblate in the country, died at the Tewksbury Novitiate at Lowell, Mass., on the 21st, from paralysis. For 11 years he was provincial for the United States Province of Oblates.

Douglas M. Smith, paying teller in the National Traders' bank, of New Haven, Conn., was arrested, on the 2d, charged with being a defaulter. He is said to have confessed a shortage of between \$22,000 and \$35,000.

Postmaster-General Payne, as acting chairman of the republican national committee, has appointed United States Senator Boies Penrose as the Pennsylvania member of the national committee to succeed the late Senator Quay.

Frank A. Rantze was, on the 3d, appointed agent at the Osage Indian agency in Oklahoma. He is a resident of Enid, Okla., and was captain of a company of rough riders during the Spanish war. His selection was made by the president.

In response to an inquiry sent to him by the Baltimore News as to a report that he would become a candidate for congress from a New Jersey district, George J. Gould telegraphed from New York to that paper: "No truth whatever in the report."

The supreme court of Missouri, on the 21st, affirmed the sentence of two years in the penitentiary fixed upon Grant Woodward for attempting to bribe a jury in the district court at Kansas City in a damage suit against the street railway company.

A terrific windstorm struck Oklahoma City, Okla., on the 2d, doing great damage to trees and outbuildings. The walls of several partially finished structures were blown down and the plate glass front of the Thredgill hotel was blown in.

All that is mortal of Senator Matthew Stanley Quay was carried to the little burial plot in Beaver cemetery on the 31st, and buried beside the bodies of his children. The services were as simple as it was possible to make them, as the dead statesman had requested.

Rear-Admiral Chadwick, commanding the South Atlantic squadron now at Tangier, Morocco, has reported to Washington that conditions remain unchanged in the case of the kidnapping of the American citizen, Ion Perdicaris, and his stepson, Cromwell Varley, a British subject.

The war department has refused to grant a leave of absence or a transfer to Lieut. Sidney S. Burbank to visit the Philippines. It is said that Lieut. Burbank will be required to remain at his post until his suit for annulment of a ceremony of marriage with Concepcion Vasquez, a Filipino woman, is settled.

A Tokio dispatch to the Giornale d'Italia says that the Japanese have occupied the first line of the outer fortifications of Port Arthur after a feeble resistance. The same correspondent adds that the Russian squadron attempted a sortie, but was forced to return, being threatened by the Japanese fleet.

While trying to escape, John W. Manning, a prisoner at the United States barracks at Columbus, O., was shot and instantly killed, on the 2d, by Private Sweeney, one of the sentries at the garrison. Manning was held awaiting trial for desertion, having enlisted fraudulently three times and deserted twice.

Nine persons are reported to have been killed and many injured in a collision of passenger trains on the Missouri Pacific railroad near Martin City, 15 miles south of Kansas City, Mo. The trains, which met head-on, were the west-bound Colorado limited No. 1, and the east-bound Holsinger (Kas.) accommodation No. 26.

If the voluntary declaration of a dying man is to be believed, first has been written to the historic Snell tragedy of 15 years ago, and Willie Tascotti, the long-sought murderer, self-identified, has paid the penalty of his crime with penitence, and now fills an unmarked grave in the heart of the Alaskan wilderness, whither he had fled for the effacement of his individuality.

Six hundred people were driven from their homes at Newton, Kas., on the 2d, by a sudden rise in San Francisco creek, which flows through the north and west parts of the city. The overflow was caused by heavy rains approaching in extent a cloudburst. The flooded district embraced about a fourth of the city, and the water stood as high as the second-story windows in many places.

The Nebraska democratic state convention, on the 1st, unanimously selected W. J. Bryan to head the Nebraska delegation to the national gathering at St. Louis, and adopted a platform which reaffirms the Kansas City platform of 1890, and places before the public Mr. Bryan's views of what should be embodied in the platform of the coming national convention.

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NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Count Lamsdorff, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, was assaulted, on the 21st, while out walking, in St. Petersburg, by Prince Dolgorouki, formerly a pretender to the crown of Bulgaria. The prince was arrested.

A dispatch from Chefoo, on the 1st, said that the final advance movement of the Japanese was expected to begin on the 2d. The Japanese scouts were already in touch with the Russian outposts. A large train of siege guns had been landed at Kin Chou, and pushed to the front.

To Himansu, a Japanese merchant of New York, arrived in Chicago, on the 1st, with a common split-leather valise containing \$1,250,000 in United States money, which he will give to the United States to help defeat Russia. The cash was all in United States gold notes and bank bills.

Reinforcements, on the 3d, amounting almost to a division, seriously crippled the St. Louis street railway service by flooding the electric cable conduits and causing the burning out of the insulations on the feed wires. Ten of the Transit Co.'s branches were temporarily shut down.

Mrs. S. H. Unger, aged about thirty years, of New Martinsville, W. Va., was instantly killed, and her companion, Albert H. Wells, aged 23, an operator of Washington, D. C., so badly injured that he will lose both legs, by being run down by a Wabash train while walking on the tracks, at St. Louis, on the 3d.

The long deadlock in the Illinois state convention was broken, on the 3d, by Yates, Hamlin and Sherman withdrawing from the gubernatorial contest, and throwing their strength to Deussen, as the result of a mutual understanding. Sherman was named for lieutenant-governor.

Rain interfered, to some extent, with the dedication ceremonies at the Missouri and Indiana state buildings at the World's fair in St. Louis, on the 2d; nevertheless both functions were carried out as nearly as possible as planned. The attendance at both was quite large.

The Russians, who were defeated by the Japanese at Kin-Chou, admit a loss of 800 men and claim to have inflicted a loss of 20,000 on the enemy. They do not, however, vouch for the correctness of the latter estimate.

The New York cotton market was demoralized, on the 2d, immediately after the opening, by a slump of 40 points in the July futures, to 11.52 cents. This was a tale lower than on May 31.

Col. Charles F. Mills has been appointed chief of the department of live stock at the World's fair, the appointment to take effect immediately. Col. Mills succeeds F. D. Colburn, who resigned the position April 15 because of continued ill health.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Price, of St. Louis, and Miss Mossie Price entertained the West Point cadets with a reception, on the night of the 2d, at the Kentucky state building, World's fair. About sixty young St. Louis women were invited to meet the officers and cadets, but no St. Louis men.

Lightning struck the home of John Gentry, near Tennesse, Ind., on the 2d, and killed John Gentry, Jr., aged 14, and Opal Gentry, aged 10. John Gentry, Sr., aged 6, and the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gentry were injured.

The American Press Humorists called on President Francis of the World's fair, on the 1st, and tried their various brands of humor on "Dave," who beat them at their own game. They gracefully "acknowledged" the corn, and presented Mr. Francis with a life membership certificate.

President D. R. Francis has been notified that the Argentine training ship Sacramento had left Buenos Ayres for New York, carrying a full complement of sailors and a special crew of naval cadets bound for the World's fair. The crew will proceed immediately to St. Louis.

On the 1st a tornado struck the little town of Selden, west of Norton, Kas., on the Rock Island railway, demolishing a church, five dwellings, and destroying much farm property. A funeral service was being conducted in the church at the time, and 300 persons were in attendance. A dozen persons were hurt, none seriously.

Gov. Odell of New York called at the United States embassy, in Paris, on the 1st, and had half an hour's talk with Ambassador Porter. No mention was made of the nomination for the governorship of New York.

Gov. Miley of Nebraska has honored the requisition issued by Gov. Cummins of Iowa for the arrest of "Tom" Dennison, of Omaha, accused of complicity in a diamond robbery in that state.

Six persons were killed and a dozen or more others badly hurt, on the 3d, as the result of a collision on the Lake Shore electric railway between an east-bound fast electric passenger car and a west-bound "package freight" car at Wells Corners, a few miles east of Norwalk, O.

Robert Shaffer, of Milwaukee, was fatally hurt and seven other passengers injured by the ditching of a Milwaukee east-bound passenger train near Perry, Ind., on the 2d. The train ran into a washout while going 40 miles an hour.

Not a street car was moved in Houston, Tex., on the 2d, all the union employes having struck. The company has asked the mayor for protection.

Secretary Hitchcock has returned to Washington, after an absence of ten days spent at the St. Louis exposition. A disastrous tornado struck Tekamah, Neb., on the 1st, wrecking 20 houses and injuring 19 persons.

In an explosion at the plant of the B. F. Goodrich company, at Akron, O., on the 2d, half a dozen persons were injured, some seriously.

Ed Gaffney and A. Hurst, policemen of Carthage, Mo., fought a duel with pistols on the street in that city on the 2d. Gaffney was shot in the stomach and will die. Hurst was shot in the head, but may recover.

The Houston (Tex.) Street Car Co. started the operation of its cars, on the 3d, with non-union men. While stoning cars, several strike sympathizers were attacked by strike breakers and two men seriously injured.

It is reported that important evidence has been discovered in the investigation of the Schaefer murder mystery at Bedford, Ind. Several prominent women were summoned before the grand jury.

A dispatch to the London Times from Tangier says that Mohammed El Torres has appealed to the tribes to capture Raisuli, saying that this alone can save Morocco from invasion.

President Roosevelt has written to Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, declaring that appointments in the forestry service are no longer to be regarded as senatorial patronage.

The doors of the Yellowstone national park were thrown open on the 1st. This season's tourist travel to the park is expected to be far greater than ever before.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

It is stated at Lisbon, Portugal, that the United States cruisers Baltimore, Olympia and Cleveland will not come to Lisbon, but will stay at Tangier, pending a settlement of the difficulty arising out of the detention of Ion Perdicaris and Cromwell Varley, respectively citizens of the United States and Great Britain by the bandit Raisuli.

Liberty bell reached Milwaukee on a special train over the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway on schedule time on the 5th, and was viewed during its stay of about two and one-half hours by several thousand persons, including a large number of school children. There was no formal programme.

Curis McGinn, a cripple, who is wanted at Caruthersville, Mo., on a charge of murder, was arrested at Grand Tower, Ill., and while being taken to "Chick" to be turned over to the Missouri officials, made his escape through the rear window by jumping from a rapidly-moving train.

It has been ascertained that Mrs. Nan Patterson, who was arrested by the police of New York city in connection with the shooting of "Caesar" Young, the turfman, is a Washington (D. C.) girl. Her father, John B. Patterson, is well known in real estate circles of that city.

Instead of nine dead, as first reported, it is now known that 14 men lost their lives in the fire and explosion at the Centing distillery at Peoria, Ill., on the 4th. Eight more bodies have been removed from the ruins, four of whom were identified.

The large Loberory, of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal Co., was sunk off Vineyard Sound lights during a dense fog, on the 5th, through a collision with the steamer Tallahassee, Savannah, for Boston.

Dr. J. W. Simpson, married, was shot and killed on the 4th, at Weston, Mo., by Julius Rumpel, a saloonkeeper. Rumpel came himself up, Rumpel claimed Simpson was too friendly toward Mrs. Rumpel.

Families who propose to cast their lot on the Rosebud reservation, which will soon be opened to settlement by the government, are going to Bonesteel at the rate of 50 a day.

George M. Phillips, who won renown as engineer on the collier Merrimac, sunk by Hobson at the mouth of Santiago harbor, died on the 5th at his home in Cambridge, Mass.

The department of agriculture at Washington has been advised that Dr. Cook, who has discovered in Guatemala an ant that is a fierce enemy of the boll weevil, has started by the overland route for the cotton fields, carrying colonies of ants, with which experiments will be made in the weevil-ravaged sections.

J. E. Marcell, whose forgeries of \$300,000 wrecked the Highland bank, at Highland, Kas., has been sentenced to 35 years in prison, five years on each of the seven counts, and began serving time in the penitentiary on the 6th. He was placed as an apprentice under Emmet Dalton, the former outlaw and bank robber.

Potatoes are selling at the highest prices on record in New York, and housekeepers are told there is no immediate prospect that they will be cheaper. New potatoes are selling on the dock for \$6.25 a barrel, 50 cents above any previous record.

Ninety-three Englishmen, who are to make a five weeks' tour of the United States and Canada, including visits to St. Louis, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Washington and other places of interest, arrived in New York, on the 5th, on the Celtic.

Thirteen men were killed by the explosion of an internal machine at the railroad station in Independence, Col., on the 6th, and seven others were seriously injured. Eleven men were killed outright, and two died later from their wounds.

Caesar Vivian, a Porto Rican student at Dickinson seminary, Williamsport, Pa., was drowned in the Susquehanna river while swimming. His parents had just landed at New York, en route to witness their son's graduation.

On the 4th a tornado near Comanche, I. T., destroyed several houses. Four persons were seriously hurt, but no deaths are reported. The school house at Williamsport was demolished and heavy damage to crops done.

Mrs. Samuel M. Clemens, the wife of "Mark Twain," the American author and lecturer, died of syncope at Florence, Italy, on the 5th. Half an hour before her death she had conversed cheerfully with her husband.

Miss Alice Roosevelt, who, for the last fortnight, has been the guest of friends in St. Louis, returned to Washington on the 6th.

SILVER SERVICE FOR THE MISSOURI

Presentation Made on Board the Battleship at Newport News.

MANY WITNESSED CEREMONY.

The Service, Consisting of Twenty-Five Pieces, One of the Handsomest Ever Given to American Warship.

Newport News, Va., June 4.—Impressive and interesting were the exercises during the presentation of the handsome silver service from the people of Missouri to the magnificent battleship which bears the historic name of their state. The ceremony took place on the afterdeck of the ship, and the silver service, which was a testimonial of the good will and esteem of a brave people, was placed on a stand directly under the muzzle of the 12-inch guns protruding from the turret in which 32 American sailors lost their lives a few weeks ago. On one side of the stand stood the members of the St. Louis party and on the other Capt. W. S. Cowles, commanding officer of the Missouri.

The St. Louis party arrived at Old Point this morning and came to the shipyard on a government tug, arriving shortly before noon. They immediately went aboard the Missouri, which had left the shipyard dock and was moored in the stream.



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Supt. Walter A. Post of the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co., builders of the ship, several of the other officials and employees of the company with officers from the German cruisers Vinta, Gazelle, Panther and Falke, officers from Fort Monroe, Rear-Admiral Harrington, commandant of the Norfolk navy yard, and many officers of the yard were already aboard as specially-invited guests, and occupied places on the afterdeck.

The presentation ceremonies began soon after the arrival and introduction of the visitors with the address of presentation by T. R. Ballard, former president of the St. Louis Merchants' exchange, chairman of the committee which raised the money by popular subscription to buy the service. He was followed and seconded by Judge Estes, and then Capt. W. S. Cowles responded, accepting the beautiful tribute from the people of Missouri to the ship of that name. C. W. Knapp, Rear-Admiral Harrington and D. M. Houser also spoke. After the speaking-making the visitors were given the liberty of the ship and were tendered a reception by the officers. This evening the Missourians returned to Old Point, where they are stopping at the Chambrlain hotel. When the party left, the Missouri fired a governor's salute.

The Missouri has been at the shipyards for repairs for several weeks, but early next week she will coal and will sail about Wednesday to the European squadron.

The silver service presented to-day is one of the handsomest ever given to a battleship in the United States navy.

It consists of 25 pieces, including a punch bowl, tray, ladle and 24 silver cups, in a quarter oak chest bound in brass and lined with wine-colored chamois.

Shoots Wife and Himself.

Philadelphia, June 6.—W. H. Dorrrey, aged 60 years, and his wife Lizzie, 40 years of age, were found dead at their home, 1468 South Juniper street, Sunday evening, the death in each case being due to a bullet wound. It is the belief of the police that Dorrrey shot his wife and then killed himself. He had been out of employment for some time.

Freight Handlers on Strike.

San Francisco, June 6.—Freight handlers at Third and Townsend street station of the Southern Pacific company to the number of 500 have gone on strike.

WOMEN BEFORE THE PUBLIC.

Florence Mary Fitch, of Stratford, Conn., has received a doctor's degree from Berlin university with honors. Only nine women have taken this high degree, three of whom are Americans.

Miss Alia L. Dawes, of Massachusetts, the daughter of the late Senator Dawes, is the fourth vice president of the board of world's fair lady managers at St. Louis. Miss Dawes has written some able treatises on political economy.

Mother Drexel, who gave up a life of ease in Philadelphia to uplift the Indian and the negro, has offered \$500,000 for her fortune for the establishment of a school and church for the Indians of the Winnebago (Nebraska) reservation. The consent of the Indians has already been obtained.

Mrs. Mary E. Brainard, of Cleveland, O., has left an estate of \$130,000 to be held in trust by the trustees of Brooklyn and Parma townships for the benefit of the worthy poor in both. According to the will "the proceeds are to be distributed fairly and impartially among and for the benefit of the worthy poor, especially the aged, infirm, sick and destitute children."

Missouri State Gleanings.

THE MISSOURI CROP BULLETIN, CAN'T PUNISH FOR CONTEMPT

Weather Has Been Generally Favorable, and Corn and Wheat Are Doing Well.

Supreme Court Takes Away Power of the State Board of Arbitration.

Columbia, Mo., May 31.—The United States department of agriculture, climate and crop bullet of the weather bureau, Missouri section, for the week ending May 30, 1904, says:

Warm, growing weather prevailed throughout the state on the 23d, 24th and 25th, but during the latter part of the week the temperature was again below the normal. The precipitation of the week, up to Saturday, was generally light, except in portions of the central and western sections, where it exceeded 1 inch, and in a number of the extreme southern counties rain was beginning to be needed for small grains and grasses, but the conditions were favorable for showers during Saturday night and Sunday, and late reports indicate that light to moderately heavy rains occurred in all sections.

In portions of the central and western sections, and also in a few of the northeastern counties, rains on the 25th-26th stopped field work for two or three days, but throughout the greater part of the state work has progressed favorably.

Corn planting is now nearly completed in most of the southern and is well advanced in many of the central and northern counties. In some of the northern and west-central counties, however, only about half the crop has yet been planted. The later-planted corn is generally coming up well, but a large portion of that planted earlier will have to be planted over. Corn has made better growth during the past week, but the nights have been too cool for rapid progress. Cultivation has been in progress to a greater or less extent in most sections, but in some localities, where rains have interfered, the fields are becoming very weedy. There is very little complaint of damage by moles or cut worms.

Cotton planting is practically completed in the extreme southeastern counties, and the earlier planted has been worked over and looks well. There is, however, considerable complaint of poor stands.

Wheat continues in fair to good condition in most counties, but in some districts it is heading short, with short heads. It is now blooming in the southern counties.

Oats have improved somewhat during the week, and in some counties are looking fine, but in others they are thin and short and very unpromising. They are beginning to head in the extreme southern counties.

Meadows and pastures are reported short and weedy in a few counties, but, as a rule, are in excellent condition. Clover is now blooming.

Gardens are still rather backward in most sections. Potatoes are generally making good growth, but there is much complaint of poor stands. In a few of the southeastern counties potato bugs are doing much damage.

Melons are doing well in Scott county. Apples continue to drop to a considerable extent, and the outlook for that crop is becoming less promising. There is also considerable complaint that plums, pears and cherries have fallen badly. A good crop of peaches is promised in some of the southern counties.

Strawberries are now ripening in the central, and a good crop is being picked in the southern counties.

W. P. STEWART.

Holds Verdict to Be Excessive.

Judge Johnson set aside the verdict of the jury in the case of Lee Meriwether against Publishers George Knapp & Co., in which plaintiff, at the April term of court, got a verdict for alleged libel for \$10,000. Judge Johnson, in his ruling, held that the verdict was exorbitantly excessive, and further that it was in direct conflict with the instructions in the case. The motion to set aside was argued by O. H. Avery, prosecuting attorney, and R. L. Sutton represented Meriwether, and strenuously argued against the motion. Lee Meriwether arrived at noon, after Judge Johnson had made his ruling, but the court emphasized its decision, reiterating that the verdict was excessive beyond all reason. Judge Johnson adjourned court and went home, and Mr. Meriwether, returned to St. Louis.

Took Morphine.

Following a quarrel with his wife, Albert J. Horig, aged 24, attempted suicide by taking morphine in St. Louis. He was taken to the city hospital, where the stomach pump saved his life.

Fatal Carriage Shooting.

Ed Gaffney, a policeman, was shot by Jim Hurst at Carthage. Hurst was jailed, and the assistant prosecuting attorney filed a charge of murder in the first degree.

His Shooter Was His Death.

George Schweigert, aged 7, was cut in two by a flat car in St. Louis. He crawled under the car to get out of the rain, and a switching crew moved it.

Cadets at the Fair.

Two companies of Missouri university cadets, commanded by Capt. W. C. Clitty, U. S. A., are camping in the St. Louis World's fair grounds.

Joplin Widow Pooled.

As the result of a matrimonial advertisement, a Joplin widow made a trip to Akron, O. But returned to Missouri a wiser woman.

Four Hurt in Wabash Wreck.

Four persons were slightly injured in a Wabash shuttle train wreck in St. Louis. The train was bound for the World's fair grounds.

Freight Train Wrecked.

A Wabash freight train was wrecked two miles west of Wright City. Seven cars were demolished, but no one was hurt.

Too Much Money.

Henry Neumeister, of Horne, was arrested at Luxemburg, St. Louis county, because he had a \$100 bill.

Supreme Court Takes Away Power of the State Board of Arbitration.

The supreme court in banc handed down an opinion affecting the powers of the state board of mediation and arbitration, which declares that the board has no power to punish a witness for contempt, nor can that power be delegated to any circuit court to act for the board.

The effect of the decision is vital to the state board, as it practically takes away all its power delegated in the legislative act of creating the board. It does not say the act creating the board is unconstitutional, nor that the board can not act in strike matters in arranging a compromise, but if the testimony of a witness is being refused, the board has no power to refuse to answer, and can not then be punished for contempt, either by the board or by an application to any court.

The case at bar came up from St. Louis. It grew out of the livermen's strike, in which the state board of arbitration and mediation sought to effect a compromise. Both sides agreed to a settlement of the strike by the board, but when the board asked certain questions, the non-union livermen refused to answer.

Application was then made to Judge Ryan, of the circuit court, to hold the refractory witnesses for contempt. Witness Haughey then made application to the supreme court for a writ of prohibition to prevent Judge Ryan from acting in the contempt proceedings, which application was granted.

BURIED IN POTTER'S FIELD

Dead Kansas City Pauper Was Re-interred to Queen Victoria's Surgeon General.

A parchment signed by Queen Victoria, giving him his first commission, several silver trophies won in England, personal letters, legal papers and the like have brought to light the sad life history of Walter Hawkins, once major of the royal Warwickshire regiment, who died in poverty at Kansas City, and whose body now lies unmarked in the potter's field, after having been rejected by the anatomical society.

Hawkins came to America in 1894, and went into business in Boston, but was not successful. Later he went to Kansas City, where things drifted from bad to worse. Finally ill health drove him to the city hospital, where death released him.

Among Hawkins' effects were found papers which indicate that he was a near relative of the late Caesar Hawkins, surgeon general to Queen Victoria, and heir to William Penn Symonds, lieutenant-general of the British army, killed in action in South Africa. Mrs. Hawkins is with relatives in England, where an estate recently fell to Hawkins, who died before the news of his change in fortunes reached him.

Convict Defrands Chicago Woman.

Some months ago a Mrs. Lorig, of Chicago, advertised for the whereabouts of a son. She received an answer from a man signing his name as H. Payton, telling her he had gotten in trouble with the Missouri authorities and was serving a term in the penitentiary. He wrote that he had assumed the name of Payton to escape bringing disgrace upon his own name. For some time he had been receiving remittances and gifts from his victim, who supposed she was contributing to her son's comfort. Finally the mother made a trip to Jefferson City to visit him. Payton, finding himself exposed, begged Mrs. Lorig not to prosecute him, as it meant a continuation of his sentence. He went to the prison from St. Louis about five years ago, under a sentence of 16 years for burglary and larceny. Payton is supposed to be the same convict who obtained notoriety a year ago by writing hard-luck letters to a number of charitably-disposed ladies in St. Louis, giving imaginary details of his prison experience, which were found on investigation to be false.

Missouri Wine.

Missouri is not often thought of as a wine-producing state, yet recent statistics compiled by the state board of agriculture show that the state produces annually more than 100,000 gallons of wine, and that more than 12,000,000 pounds of grapes are raised each year. These figures apply to the products which are shipped out, as no record can be kept of the large amount of both grapes and wine that are produced for home use.